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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the Japanese reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. The reference was cited in third party observations in the corresponding European application, namely, EP-04809149.0. An English Abstract and a machine translation of the Japanese language reference are also attached.

This statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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